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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF: King, et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/676,249

FILING DATE: September 29, 2000

TITLE: NUCLEIC ACIDS AND PROTEINS OF  
THE *MYCOPLASMA HYOPNEUMONIAE*  
mhp3 GENE AND USES THEREOF

Examiner: R. Swartz

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002. A petition for extension of time of one month is intended to be enclosed with this paper. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Kindly amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

In the specification, at page 5, line 1, following "Glu" please insert:

(SEQ ID NO: 42)

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Replace the following claims:

1. (Amended) A protein having an amino acid sequence comprising at least 30 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said protein does not have a fatty acid

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